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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO)

REF: A. STATE 189751 B. FLEISCHMANN-COFMAN LETTER 10 NOV 75

1. SINCE LIST IN REF B OF MEALS FOR WHICH "SOFIACONCERT" RESPONSIBLE IS NO LONGER VALID, QUESTION ARISES WHETHER 60-LEVA PER PERSON FIGURE FOR FOOD MONEY ALSO STATED IN REF B REMAINS VALID. IF IT DOES, WE SEE NO REASON WHY "SOFIACONCERT" WILL NOT AGREE TO ADDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR LUNCH DEC 5; COST, NOT NUMBER, OF MEALS IS IMPORTANT. IF NOT, WHAT IS NEW FIGURE?

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE FIVE-LEVA INCREASE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO "SOFIACONCERT". MORE WOULD BE DIFFICULT, AS "SOFIACONCERT" WAS UNHAPPY WITH 60-LEVA FIGURE WHEN IT WAS NEGOTIATED. END COMMENT.

3. IN VIEW REF A, ESPECIALLY PARA 3, WHEN WE INFORM "SOFIACONCERT" ABOUT DEC 5 LUNCHEON WE WILL STATE THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO REQUIREMENT FOR LUNCHEON DEC. 8. IF SOFIA-BRATISLAVA PLANE IS DELAYED AND ORCHESTRA MUST EAT LUNCH HERE, WE ASSUME ORCHESTRA MEMBERS WILL PAY FOR IT THEMSELVES AND BE REIMBURSED BY PRAGCONCERT. EQUALLY, IF BELGRADE-SOFIA PLANE DEC 5 IS DELAYED UNTIL

AFTER LUNCH, WE ASSUME FIGURE ASKED FOR IN PARA 1, ABOVE, WILL STILL APPLY.

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